


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: September 9, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development 
RE: Friday Report
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 9/12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newton Commission on Disability, 6:30 p.m., Room 209• Planning & Development Board, 7:30 p.m., cafeteria (basement level)• Zoning & Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., Room 202
Tuesday 9/13/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209• Auburndale Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202• Land Use Committee Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222
Wednesday 9/14/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bike Newton, 7:00 p.m., Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street, Newton Highlands,• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 202
Thursday 9/15/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness Consortium, 3:00 p.m., Room 222• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202

- **Newton Commission on Disability:** The Commission will meet on **Monday, September 12th** at 6:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda includes: Updates on CDBG-funded access projects, role of Commission member on the State Commission for the Reform of Community Social Service and Paratransit Transportation, fair housing-related matters including membership on the Fair Housing Committee and the need for an ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator, housing assistance request, review of a request for an handicap space and parking restrictions on Gardner Street, request for information from the Disability Policy Consortium, and consideration of comments on an affordable housing development. **Contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov.**
- **Planning & Development Board:** The members are meeting as a Community Development Board for a public hearing on **Monday, September 12th** at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria in the City Hall basement. The Board is reviewing the department's draft *FY12 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report* (CAPER). The HUD-required report describes how the 14 WestMetro HOME Consortium communities have met goals identified in the *FY10 Annual Action Plan* and five-year *Consolidated Plan*. The draft FY11 CAPER is available for review and comment at www.newtonma.gov/Planning/docs/FY11-CAPER.pdf until September 27. **Contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov.**
- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will hold a **Working Session** on **Monday, September 12th** at 6:30 p.m., Room 202. The following items will be discussed: **#26-11**, a Mixed-Use Centers Element Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, which includes a vision and guidance for the development or redevelopment of large mixed-use centers; **#49-11**, Update on data collected to date on the revised residential FAR rules; **#81-11**, Update from the Zoning Reform Group to the Zoning and Planning Committee. **Contact Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or szeren@newtonma.gov.**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. The agenda includes updates from the Subcommittee on Existing Business Support and the Subcommittee on Business Attraction and discussion of next steps. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **16 Williston Road**, request to install paved driveway; **57 Hancock Street**, request to repair front porch, construct new front staircase, construct rear porch roof, and install garage door; **131 Windermere Road**, request to remove screen porch and replace with 1½-story

addition. **Administrative Discussion:** Review of minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**

- **Land Use Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will meet on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222. The agenda includes the following: **#210-11** Bonnie & David Rishik petition for a special permit/site plan approval and to extend a nonconforming structure to construct a 2-story rear addition, increasing the Floor Area Ratio as of 10/15/11 from .57 to .6; add a shed dormer; reconfigure the exterior front landing and stairs in the front setback and construct a retaining wall greater than 4 feet in the rear setback of an existing single-family dwelling at **56 Waldorf Road**; **#211-11** Eastern Beverage Group/EMK Newton Centre Realty, LLC petition for a special permit/site plan approval and to extend/alter a nonconforming use from a retail market to a retail liquor store with associated signage at **543-545 Commonwealth Avenue**; **#212-11** Matthew S. & Renee L. Levin petition for a special permit/site plan approval to extend a nonconforming structure to create a garage, an indoor basketball court and game room in an existing detached carriage house at **28 Sargent Street**; **#213-11** Galina Slezinger/David T. Zussman, Tr. petition for a special permit to expand an existing restaurant to allow a portion of the restaurant to be used as a function room on certain evenings and to waive the parking requirements associated with a restaurant greater than 50 seats at **54-57 Union Street**. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or dvalentine@newtonma.gov.**
- **Women's Enterprise Initiative Special Networking After-Hours Event:** Thanks to event sponsors Boston Private Bank and Trust Company and The Paint Bar, WEI is pleased to host the first-ever networking event. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues and make new ones. The event will be held on **Tuesday, September 13th** from 5:30-7:30pm at The Paint Bar, located at 823 Washington Street in Newtonville. This event is free and open to the public; due to limited capacity, RSVP is required. **For more information or to register, visit the WEI website www.newtonma.gov/wei or contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or astout@newtonma.gov.**
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on **Wednesday, September 14th** at 7:45 a.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: Consideration of approval of Policy and Program Subcommittee draft letter to Zoning Reform Group; Updates on various Policy and Program Subcommittee workplan items; Call for volunteers to attend brief discussion on Newton's overall policy goals and funding options for affordable housing with the Committee on Community Presentation meeting on September 27th; and an update on the draft FY11 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report. **Contact Robert Muollo at 617.796.1146 or rmuollo@newtonma.gov.**
- **Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown Homelessness Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on **Thursday, September 15th** at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222. The agenda includes a discussion of the FY11 NOFA for Continuum of Care funding and updating the process that will be used to review applications. There is \$1.2 million available for project renewals, as well as additional funds for a new project(s). The deadline for the application is October 28th. **Contact Trisha Guditz at 617.796.1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov.**
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 15th** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **365 Hammond Street (Church of the Redeemer)**, request to replace an existing sign; **Administrative Discussion:** Minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Community Preservation Committee:** The Committee's next meeting on **Wednesday, September 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut Street, Newtonville) will discuss an initial report from the **City Historic Buildings Survey** (Public Buildings Dept.), with recommendations for the next phase of work, and the current status & schedule for the **Albemarle Community Commons** (Parks & Recreation Dept.) and **Newton History Museum / Jackson Homestead** projects & proposals. **Contact Alice Ingerson at 617-796-1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.**
- **Bike Newton:** Bike Newton Steering Committee meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 14th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Brigham House, 20 Hartford Street in Newton Highlands. For more information **contact Steve Heinrichs at sheinr41423@aol.com.**